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In the Claims:

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16. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacture of a plastic handle member for attachment to a vehicle panel member, said handle member having two ends, said method comprising the steps of:

molding a foam core member, said core member having an integrally forming attachment members protruding therefrom at each of said two ends, the attachment members adapted to be positioned in openings in a vehicle panel member and be secured thereto; and

forming orientation holes in each of said ends of said foam core member;
positioned said core member on mating pin members in a second mold; and
overmolding a plastic skin on said core member and covering the outer surface of said core member.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 16 wherein said attachment members each have channel members therein for attaching said handle

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member to a vehicle panel member with mechanical fasteners.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 16 wherein said attachment members are adapted to be attached to a vehicle panel member by heat staking.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 16 wherein said plastic skin is made from a polypropylene polypropylene material.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 16 wherein said foam core member is made from a structural foam material.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 16 wherein at least two attachment members are provided on at least one of said two ends.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacture of a plastic handle member for attachment to a vehicle panel member, said handle member having two ends, said method comprising the steps of:

molding a foam core in a first mold cavity, said core member having two ends;
forming openings in said ends to assist in accurately positioning said molded foam core in a second mold cavity;

positioning said core member in a second mold cavity;
overmolding a plastic skin on said core member; and
forming from said plastic skin material at least one protrusion on each of said two ends;

wherein said protrusions are adapted to be positioned in openings in a vehicle panel member.